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Local woman mourns loss of mother, seeks closure after bizarre mix-up

By LISA BICKNELL
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Not only have Joanne Chaney and her siblings had to cope with the sudden loss of their mother, but they're still trying to make sense of a bizarre mix-up that has magnified their shock and disbelief.

When their mother died suddenly while she was on vacation, her body was mistakenly sent to Canada, while another woman's body was presented as Joanne's mother at the funeral home in her hometown of Englewood, New Jersey.

The strange turn of events began when Joanne's siblings and her 82-year old mother, Margaret Ann Porkka, went on vacation in St. Maartin in the Caribbean Islands around Thanksgiving, their tradition now for the past 10 years.

Joanne, an employee of Save-a-lot grocery in Irvine, said she often accompanies her family on their annual trip, but this year she was running short of funds and decided not to go.

Describing her mom as "the life of the party," Joanne says she loved to swim, snorkel and belly dance.

On Thanksgiving night in St. Maartin, her mother seemed more tired than usual. When Joanne's sister and brother went to check on her, they found her not well at all.

They told Joanne that their mother gasped for air a couple of times, and her heart stopped beating. The family began CPR and called the ambulance, but Mrs. Porkka did not revive.

The brother and sister with her said their goodbyes and left the hospital.

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CV&T photo by Lisa Bicknell
Joanne Chaney, an employee at Save-a-lot in Irvine, holds a photo of her mother taken just two days before she died while on vacation in St. Maartin.

Bluegrass concert will benefit animal shelter

By LISA BICKNELL
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Tommy Mullen, animal control officer at the Estill County Animal Shelter, plans to kick off the new year with a Bluegrass concert to benefit his furry friends at the shelter.

The event will take place at the fair barn on Friday, Jan. 10, and will feature the Moron Brothers and the Velvet Blue. There will also be a special performance by the Southern Pride Cloggers.

Besides the concert, there will be a silent auction and concessions for sale. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the door.

Mullen says all proceeds will directly benefit the shelter and will not go into any kind of county fund.

The money is needed to purchase a new dart gun, dog traps, new kennel doors and updated cages, things that the regular budget does not pay for.

If there are any funds left over, they will go to the new building, where a new indoor drop box is being built and should be ready for use soon.

Mullen has been the county's full-time animal control officer at the shelter for about a year and a half now.

He began working part-time there under Sandy Clark and in September was hired full time.

The shelter is a busy one, servicing Lee, Owsley, Wolfe and Jackson Counties.

Mullen says when a dog or other animal comes in, it is given shots and wormer and is checked to make sure it isn't sick or infested with mange or anything. If so, rescue groups are notified right away, so they can get them to a vet and get them healthy.

The animal shelter still picks up dogs, but not cats, although Mullen says they do accept cats.

Besides cats and dogs, they're liable to get horses, goats, hamsters, gerbils or other animals. One time, he says, they even rescued a mule.

Mullen says some of the animals are adopted out locally, and the rescue groups take many of the animals.



CV&T photo by Lisa Bicknell
Tommy Mullen, animal control officer at the Estill County Animal Shelter, pauses to play with one of the dogs scheduled to be rescued from the shelter.

"I praise the rescues for what they do," he said. "If we didn't have them, the euthanasia percent would be much higher."

The rescue groups sometimes go to great lengths to place the animals.

Recently, three puppies were taken from the shelter and transported to Richmond, where someone with a personal plane transported them to just south of Chicago, Ill.

Facebook has become an effective tool to help with adoptions. Mullen says the Estill County Animal Shelter page has been "liked" by people from all over the country and beyond.

For anyone looking for a pet to love, there is usually a variety of animals to choose from.

Mullen says most of the dogs that come in are "sooners, or a Heinz 57 mix" but occasionally, they'll get purebreds, like a Great Pyrenees, or recently, a litter of Chihuahuas.

There is a \$25 fee to adopt, which includes the first round of shots and worming. The shelter is receiving a grant at the first of the year that will pay for the dogs and cats to be spayed or neutered also, for the same fee.

The shelter is constantly in need of donations. Mullen says they can always use dog food and old blankets and sheets.

The Walmart in Lexington donates dog food, cat food, litter and treats in damaged packaging, which Mullen picks up every couple of weeks.

Mullen says he is proud of the adoption rate at the shelter, and that turn-ins are usually out in three days.

"A lot of people think we are like we used to be, when so many animals got put down," he said. "We now have one of the lowest percentages of animals euthanized in Kentucky."

Year in Review 2013

By LISA BICKNELL
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July 2013

•Eighteen year-old Tierra Murphy, daughter of Sherry and Willy Murphy, was named 2013 Miss Estill County when fair festivities began in early July.

•Estill County lost one of its most beloved citizens on June 27 when Ravenna Councilwoman Joan

Richardson passed away after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. Joan served on the Ravenna City Council for nearly 20 years, and she worked for the Estill County school system for about 27 years. Joan loved taking care of her grandson Ryan Freeman, and she enjoyed traveling. In the years before her illness, she had opportunity to visit Alaska, California and Hawaii.

•"The Real McCoy," an

antique and vendors market, opened on Richmond Road in the former location of Reece's Antiques.

•A petition to force a wet/dry election in Estill County began circulating again for the second time in less than a year. Chris Gill, a senior at Berea College and Estill County resident, was responsible for the petition and scheduled a petition-signing rally on the courthouse lawn.

•The latest director of Aldersgate Camp, Dave Cohn, discussed his new role and explained the amenities available at the retreat located near Fitchburg Furnace. Aldersgate is owned by the Kentucky Conference of Methodist churches and has been operating for 50 years.

•Brown Farm Meats, a family-owned pork-producing business, was highlighted in the July 25 issue of the Citizen Voice and Times. Fred Brown Jr., and his wife Joy, are carrying on the family tradition started by Fred Brown, Sr. The Browns have been hog

farmers on Doe Creek for many years and began marketing locally-raised pork to area businesses, including the local farmer's market.

August 2013

•A group met at the Estill County Public Library to discuss establishing a local theatre group who will work closely with the Estill Development Alliance. Susan Hawkins was appointed chairman of the group. They immediately set to work preparing for their first produc-

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Christmas revisited, from the secular to the sacred

At Greenbriar Baptist Church on Highway 89, youth groups from Drip Rock Baptist Church and Greenbriar Baptist performed a play on the Saturday night before Christmas that presented the biblical story of Jesus' birth.



CV&T photo by Lisa Bicknell
Wise men, shepherds, and the littlest angels gathered beside Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus.



CV&T photo by Lisa Bicknell
Katarina Smith and Roy Arvin sing in the play.



CV&T photo by Lisa Bicknell
Young shepherds Dalton Smith and Kaden Richardson set out to find the baby Jesus.



Santa arrived on the roof at Plaza Pharmacy on the day before Christmas Eve. He delivered some early Christmas presents and double-checked a few wish lists.



In back from left, are Roger and Mae Walters, Becky Parvin and Leelan McKinney and Vonda Grace. In front are Zoe Abel and Lilliana Browning, all excited to see Santa on the roof.



Santa Claus poses for a picture with Becky Parvin and her grandson Leelan McKinney.

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The next day, Joanne says, the local funeral home wouldn't allow her siblings to see their mother's body, because there was no documentation of her death at either the hospital or the funeral home.

When a death certificate eventually became available, it had Mrs. Porkka's name on it but listed her as a man. The informant who had supposedly identified her was from another island.

Eventually the body was returned to the States, or, it was supposed to have been.

On the night of the viewing in Mrs. Porkka's hometown in New Jersey, before her mom's scheduled funeral, Joanne says the family walked through a couple of big rooms to approach the casket.

She said when she saw the woman lying there, she immediately knew that she was not their mother.

"Nothing was right," she said, explaining that the woman's hair and features were all wrong.

Joanne and her family convinced the funeral director that the body was not the right one, and he closed the viewing.

After checking for other physical characteristics that identified her, Joanne says they became more certain that the body was not their mom.

The family began to make some phone calls, and they learned that the story was even more complicated.

Another family in Canada conducted a funeral service for a woman they thought was their mother, although they later acknowledged that they didn't think it looked like her.

They didn't ask questions though, and after the funeral service, the body was sent to be cremated.

Joanne and her family are pretty sure that woman was their mother.

Joanne's family had taken pictures of the body that was supposed to be their mother's, and they sent those to the family in Canada, who confirmed that the pictures were of their mother.

After phone calls to the resort, the funeral home in St. Maartin, and the American and Canadian Embassies, it turns out that a woman from Canada died in St. Maartin only five hours after Mrs. Porkka died, and the mix-up apparently began there.

Although the story is almost too incredible to be believed, Joanne says she takes comfort in knowing that her mother died "in paradise, went to paradise, and suffered no pain."

She says the whole resort was in mourning the day following her mother's death, as people she had vacationed with for the past ten years reminisced about the loss of their fun-loving friend.

"She is going to be sorely missed," said

Joanne. "She laughed a lot; she served the homeless and was big in her Catholic church."

The family is hopeful that their mother's remains can be positively identified by the plate that had been put in her hip, which was removed after the cremation. The plate was numbered and has been sent to the medical examiner to see if it matches up with her mother's medical records.

DNA samples have also been taken.

Joanne says the family is finally "very close" to getting an official death certificate, which they need to conduct their mother's final business with the bank, credit card and insurance companies and lawyer.

Through the whole ordeal, Joanne is thankful to have her children living nearby to comfort her.

Becky, her daughter, works at the Estill County Health Department and is married to Joe Crawford, director of the Estill Development Alliance.

Joanne's son, Christopher, is married to Loren Arvin.

The story has been widely publicized, and many people have talked to her about it, but Joanne has yet to hear from anyone who has experienced anything like it.

"If it hadn't happened to me, I'd find it hard to believe," said Joanne.

List of candidates for local office continues to grow

As the filing deadline grows closer, the list of candidates grows each week.

The magistrate races gained new candidates as Gerald Rader, Republican, filed for re-election for Magistrate District #1.

For Magistrate District #2, Gerry Flannery, Republican, of 375 White Oak Road, threw his hat in the ring to vie for public office.

Incumbent Darrell W. Johnson, Democrat, of 5725 Sand Hill Road, filed for re-election for the seat of Magistrate District #3.

James E. "Jim" Walters, Independent, of 216 High Street, will be in the running for the office of Mayor of Irvine.

The primary election is May 20, 2014, and the deadline to file for partisan races is Jan. 28, by 4 p.m.

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paring for their first production, a Christmas comedy.

- The Irvine Police Department found more than \$13,000 worth of pills in an out-of-state rental car after the car was stopped in a routine traffic stop. Officer Michael Gross became suspicious that there was contraband in the vehicle and obtained a search warrant, which revealed hundreds of pills.
- Sufficient signatures were turned in by the group that called themselves "Boost Irvine" to force a wet/dry election in the city of Irvine. The election was scheduled for Sept. 21.
- Estill County Judge-Executive set the official date for the wet/dry election for Oct. 8.
- The school board approved an increase in local property taxes during a special meeting that increased the local tax rate to 51.8, up from the previous year's rate of 43.1. Estill County Schools Superintendent Bert Hensley said the board hoped the extra revenue would be enough to complete much-needed construction projects.
- Senator Mitch McConnell visited Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital and told local officials, employees of the hospital and other interested citizens that he would stop funding for the Affordable Care Act if possible. He said it was the worst piece of legislation to pass in the last 50 years.
- The Four Seasons Garden Club hosted a Monarch Tea on Friday, Aug. 16 to discuss establishing monarch butterfly way stations. Linda Porter, chair of the Garden Club of Kentucky's butterfly project, gave a presentation about the importance of butterflies and other pollinators.
- A local woman, Kassie N. Hardy, was arrested after she sent a text message to the wrong phone number and asked Officer Adrian McKinney for drugs.

September 2013

- Brenda Hardy was featured in a story about her recovery after 35 years from a life of addiction to drugs and alcohol. Hardy said it was hard to explain, but she just got tired of the lifestyle and quit. She began classes online to become a drug counselor and hopes she can help others get free of drugs.
- On Labor Day weekend, the second annual Revive River Drive event took place in town, drawing lots of cruisers in cars, on bicycles, motorcycles and even a lawn mower. For one night, traffic was again bumper-to-bumper on River Drive.
- The 8th Annual Recovery March began at the fairgrounds on a Sunday afternoon. Participants marched across the bridge and around the courthouse seven times to show their solidarity against the drug problem in Estill County.
- News Editor Whitney Leggett announced she would be leaving the Citizen Voice and Times, and Lisa Bicknell, who had worked part-time as a columnist and feature writer, stepped into the position vacated by Leggett.
- Mattie Mastin, Estill County's oldest resident, passed away at the age of 105 after a short illness.
- A committee formed to push a petition to repeal the school board tax hike approved in August. More than six percent of the adopted rate was subject to be recalled. Estill County Judge-Executive Wallace Taylor spoke of concerns about the tax increase to the fiscal court. He said he opposed it as a taxpayer and a representative of this community.
- The Marching Engineers competed and won against Glasgow at Barren County, outscoring last year's champions in finals competition.
- On Wednesday, Sept. 18, the 9-1-1 call center went down completely in Irvine for several hours, just before CSEPP training exercises were to begin the next day.
- Local Korean War veteran Thomas Lisle was flown to Washington D.C. to visit war memorials. The "Honor Flight" was sponsored

by Jackson Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

October 2013

- Kentucky School Report Cards were made public on Sept. 27, revealing that the Estill County High School ranked in the 84th percentile statewide and third in the 16 counties surrounding Estill County. The report card also showed the elementary and middle schools had considerable catching up to do.
- The Estill County Board of Education held a brief emergency meeting to approve cancelling the "recallable nickel tax" on real estate and personal property. The issue was forced when citizens circulated a petition asking for a public vote on the tax.
- In a special election held on Oct. 8, citizens voted to make alcohol sales legal in the city of Irvine for the first time in several decades. Those in favor outnumbered those against by 44 votes.
- Sherrard's Jewelry announced they were planning to sell out after being in business on Main Street for 45 years.
- Reigning Queen Krana Puckett crowned Michaela Gross as 2013 Homecoming Queen at the Homecoming game. The first runner-up was Josie Farmer and the second runner-up was Kayla Wolpert.
- The Spartan Battalion of the JROTC program from the Estill County High School beat 39 teams in Eastern Kentucky University's Cadet Stakes 2013 in Richmond on Sept. 28, prompting many to enquire, "Where is Estill County?"
- The Estill County High School Marching Engineers made history when they competed in regional competition in Bourbon County. They placed first and scored higher than any band in the east region, the first band in school history to make that accomplishment.
- Sheila Collins was profiled for her courageous battle with three kinds of cancer, including cervical, thyroid and breast cancer. She said her daughters and her two-year old granddaughter give her the will to keep fighting.
- Thyme on Broadway opened in the former location of Witt Beauty Salon to rave reviews from customers who praised the food and the atmosphere of the cozy café.

November 2013

- In honor of Veteran's Day, Vietnam veterans Jerry Eltzroth and Charles Begley were profiled in the Citizen Voice and Times. The two men live in the Sand Hill area and sometimes share war stories. Both men were stationed near the "Iron Triangle" in Vietnam in the 60's.
- The Estill County Marching Engineers gave an encore performance at the football field to express appreciation to the community for their support all season. The Engineers finished in 5th place in the state competition, after an untimely gust of wind toppled some of their props.
- Volunteers from American Legion Post 79 continued their tradition of preparing an oyster supper in honor of local veterans. They fried 11 gallons of oysters that had been shipped fresh from Chesapeake Bay.
- The Estill Development Alliance named four people to the Estill County Hall of Honor, including Virginia Owens, Sam Tuttle, Joan Richardson and Coach Lee Rose.
- The Kentucky River Water Trail Alliance Conference was held in Estill County to discuss the development of the Kentucky River Water Trail and potential tourism opportunities connected to it. The conference drew dignitaries from several state and national organizations.
- The Irvine City Council heard the first reading of a new alcohol beverage control ordinance that would regulate the use and sales of alcohol in the city. The ordinance stated that a local alcohol administrator would have to be appointed.
- The former owner of Casa Habenero Mexican restaurant in Irvine was arrested after a routine traffic stop by Boyle County deputies. When Juan Martinez Rodriguez was

fingerprinted, he was identified as a suspect in 50 cases of identity theft.

December 2013

- The Twin City Kruzerz presented over \$1000 in toys to Ravenna Police Chief Ken White for the Toys for Tots program. White said the toy drive typically supplies more than 500 children with gifts each year.
- The River City Players hosted an open house at the Bergman House Bed and Breakfast on Main Street. Guests were invited to tour the historic home with its themed bedrooms and were treated to refreshments and drawings for door prizes.
- Jerry Eltzroth wrote a guest column recollecting his memories of Christmas in Vietnam when Bob Hope made a surprise visit to Long Binh, South Vietnam in 1967 to entertain the troops there.
- Grandparents United completed a lap quilt project, stitching 30 colorful quilts to give to

their grandchildren for Christmas. Members of the support group say they have grown close since the organization started.

- The River City Players debuted their first play, A Tuna Christmas, about quirky characters from a tiny town in Texas called Tuna. Susan Hawkins, chair of the River City Players, says she was very encouraged by the response to the production.
- Local physical education teacher Jodi Sims won a trip to Hawaii to watch the Pro Bowl in January after she signed up her school to participate in the "Let's Move Active Schools" and the "Fuel up to Play 60" programs.
- The Estill County Board of Education honored four employees who recently retired from the school system. Kathy Watson, Kevin Turpin and Pauline Muncie were presented engraved clocks for their decades of collective service to the school system.

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VIEWPOINTS

Up in Smoke: Marijuana use rising among American teens

By Stephen Gray Wallace, MS Ed

Not that it wasn't predictable, but the federal government, fueled by new Monitoring the Future data collected by the University of Michigan on behalf of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), is reporting a rise in the illicit use of marijuana among high school students.

Shocking

Did we really believe the loosening of restrictions on marijuana sales, possession, and use – including those related to “medicinal marijuana” – were to have no effect on those we have worked so hard to protect from the ravages of substance use, condition and disorder. Not so much.

In fact, the national SADD organization predicted as much when it rallied publicly against decriminalizing the possession of marijuana years ago, stating, “Decriminalization would encourage increased use, including among teenagers. Decriminalization also sends the message that marijuana is harmless, which is not the case. The developing brains of teenagers are susceptible to negative changes as a result of drug and alcohol use, and these changes can be permanent.”

This statement foreshadowed much of the information just released from NIDA, including reference to the normalizing of use and detrimental impact on maturing adolescent brains. Citing a new study by scientists at Northwestern University, NIDA director Dr. Nora D. Volkow, said, “What is worrisome is that we're seeing high levels of everyday use of marijuana among teenagers ... the type that is most likely to have negative effects on brain function and performance.”

What are those effects?

According to the Northwestern study, they include differences in structures such as the thalamus, globus pallidus and striatum. Translation: a decline in “working memory” vital to such tasks as solving puzzles, remembering numbers or quickly processing information needed to perform everyday tasks. Working memory is also a strong predictor of academic success, according to Matthew J. Smith, an author of the study.

The NIDA report also highlights concern that the relaxation of restrictions on marijuana (which can now be sold legally in 20 states and Washington, DC) has been influencing the behavior of teenagers. The federal statistics tell us that more than 12 percent of eighth graders and 36 percent of high school seniors, at both public and private schools, reported smoking marijuana in the past year. Perhaps most alarming is that approximately 60 percent of seniors said they did not believe regular use of the drug is harmful.

Similar attitudes were reflected in recent driving research conducted by SADD and Liberty Mutual Insurance, in which 23 percent of teens admit to driving under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or other drugs. A whopping one in four teens (25 percent) who have driven under the influence of marijuana say they're not distracted “at all” when mixing substance use with driving.

With 13 million driving-aged teenagers, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, we have reason to be afraid.

Very afraid

The NIDA report also contains some good news noting alcohol use by teens – including

bouts of heavy or “high risk” drinking – continues to decline, as does use of most every other illicit drug, including Vicodin, abuse of which is half what it was ten years ago.

The takeaway?

Prevention programming, such as the type provided by SADD through its thousands of school-based chapters across the country, works ... especially when we intentionally take two important steps:

- Identify significant trends in substance use condition and substance use disorder;
- Empower youth and all caring adults to talk about adolescent decision-making, convening key stakeholders in communities (school, public safety, parents and teens) to reach consensus and take action on prevention initiatives.

Finally, we must remain focused on the future, recommitting to initiatives aimed at keeping young people safe, alive and in pursuit of the positive youth outcomes they seek, lest our decades of work go up in smoke.

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Locals know best how to spend education dollars

By Jim Waters

Critics of education-reform proposals that empower parents with school choice and lessen the bureaucracy's control often scold: “Leave education to the experts. They know best.”

Does this mandate also apply to education spending?

Leon Smith, Russellville Independent Schools' superintendent, told Bowling Green Daily News education reporter Chuck Mason that he was forced to forego a needed school bus a couple of years ago in order to purchase new math textbooks for his district. Smith also drove the five-and-a-half hours to Lebanon, Ind., and picked up the books in order to save his district more than \$3,000.

Such dedication is admirable. It also is totally unnecessary in a state with per-pupil revenues of \$11,058.

Nearly every teacher and administrator seems forced to make such tough choices – between textbooks and transportation, between new computers and classroom repairs.

Jason Hubler, a Jefferson County elementary teacher who was a 2013 Kentucky Teacher of the Year nominee, once told a national union trade magazine that he dug into his own pocket to purchase classroom supplies and rebuild computers for his fifth-grade students.

For the past few years, new teachers in Jefferson County teachers have lined up outside a union hall at 7 a.m. on sunny summer days in August carrying large tote bags in

order to collect as many supplies as possible for their classrooms in an annual giveaway made possible by local businesses.

The contributions and “New Teacher Supply Warehouse” giveaways are noble, but the necessity of it should cause great concern among teachers, parents, and even union leaders – who organize the project – in a state where \$12.4 billion in combined state and local dollars will be spent on Kentucky public schools just during the current fiscal year alone.

Could the problem be more about who makes the spending decisions and how the money gets spent than it is about how many dollars actually get allocated for education?

The Kentucky Education Reform Act passed 23 years ago and effectively addressed the “how much” problem by changing school-funding policy. KERA closed the resource gap between rich school districts with high property values and tax revenues and poor ones lacking the same economic potential.

However, such centralization of government entities, including public education systems, creates unintended consequences. In this case, KERA resulted in way too many decisions being made by Frankfort that should be left up to local districts.

Mason writes that the state “hasn't provided textbook money to public school districts for about eight years, so officials noted they've had to scurry to get relevant books in students' hands.”

He also cites Butler County Superintendent

Scott Howard's concerns about his district's out-of-date calculus textbooks, that he's had to use General Fund money to purchase a new reading series for elementary students, and that he would have to issue bonds to generate the nearly half-million dollars for computer upgrades and purchases “because we can't take that money out of the general fund.”

Even the most politically progressive among us should agree that Kentucky's education funding system is dysfunctional when struggling teachers have to dig into their own pockets and when superintendents are not allowed to even use the school revenue provided by their districts' own taxpayers to buy needed textbooks and computers.

Instead of criticizing public charter schools, where administrators do make the spending decisions best for their students and staff, Kentucky's teachers' union leaders would be more relevant and productive by demanding that politicians and those in charge of our state's highly centralized public education system acquiesce to “those who know best.”

The intended consequence of such a change would be that each education dollar gets stretched at least far enough that teachers can keep their own money where it belongs.

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Keep Free Speech in America

By Glenn Mollette

Arts and Entertainment television was out of line for suspending Phil Robertson for a recent statement that the network executives did not appreciate. They may not have liked his Bible quote but he was stating his personal belief and not speaking on behalf of the network. I realize that he is employed by the network, but that should not prohibit him from stating his opinion.

Every American in most circumstances has an opinion and many will disagree or agree depending on the subject. Because someone states something does not mean that it is reality, except in that person's mind. However, there are many circles of shared belief throughout our world. I happen to believe some are right but some are also wrong...in my opinion.

My opinion is based on my background, upbringing, Bible reading, education, personal studies, media, folktales and even common sense.

I don't like everything I see on television, read in the paper or hear on the radio. However, I have yet to eliminate any of the three from my life. I don't

like everything I see and hear in church but I still go. Yet, I believe in the freedom of religion just like I believe in the freedom of people to state their opinions and quote their favorite books whether it's the Bible or Reader's Digest.

As a free society our task is to muddle through the free speech and make a sensible determination. Free speech encourages or offends people. However the goal of speech should never be to limit human rights to anyone. A worthy goal for us all is to use our free speech to make America better, even though words can burn as in the case of Robertson's statements. Again, just because somebody makes a statement does not mean that it is reality, except in the mind of the person who made the statement. The statement simply is a window into that person's soul.

I may not agree with what you say or even like it but let's please preserve the First Amendment. A good America is a free America and a free America means free speech.

Beverly Thompson takes a humorous look at New Year's Resolutions



By Beverly Thompson
CV&T Guest Columnist

This is the other side of the coin. We always have great expectations of what we are going to do in the New Year, so let us now remember the year before and the disaster that ensued. Maybe if we remember the horrors of last year we can make this year better.

This is pure fiction and hopefully this is not anyone that you think that you might know, but just in case, no names will be used, so that we can protect any individuals who have been similarly

involved.

It is the night of December 31, and before dressing to go out, you are writing like crazy to finish all the New Years resolution's that you want to be done before you leave the house.

Even as you are writing and have the very best of intentions, you have a sneaking suspicion that when you return from the party that all will be forgotten of the resolutions that you had made. You really want to do better, but know from times past that by the time you get home you would be in no condition to live up to your list.

You are still remembering another year after you had made all the resolutions, and the next morning you woke up with your head hanging out of the window and wondered not only where you were but what you had done the night before.

When you finally got your head out of the window and tried to lie down, the bed kept on rolling and swaying and your body felt as heavy as lead. You grabbed for your

head and prayed that it would not fall off, and then all of a sudden you realized that you had a second problem; your stomach was trying to escape through your mouth.

You kept on trying to get off the bed but your legs just barely moved and needed to be led. Somehow you made it to the floor and miraculously crawled through the hallway to the bathroom sink, and after accomplishing that task, you finally fell back exhausted and mercifully got to sleep.

Many hours later you opened your eyes, and after lying very still and staring at the ceiling you realize that you have survived. Then you remember your last written words, and know that once again you have broken your number 1 resolution, "I will not imbibe on New Year's Eve Night."

Even with the pain in your throbbing head, you are looking for a solution to this situation, and finally you know what it is.

If you can only keep this one promise to yourself, you will be well on your way to

being a wonderful new person and have a brand new life.

Now the time has arrived for you to see if you can keep your promise to yourself. On this December 31, you will decline all party invitations and then go to sleep.

If you feel that you are beginning to weaken, call in a trusted friend and have them hand-cuff you to the bed and remove any devise, that would be helpful, in case you decide to call for help. This might seem extreme, but I assure you it will make January 1, 2014 look much, much brighter.

Now that we have that nightmare out of the way, let us make resolutions that we can keep. Not too many, but a few well chosen and do-able ones. If we start with the easy ones and keep them, then next year it will be easier, until you are living the good life and enjoying it. None of us are ever going to be perfect, but we can all improve just a little every year.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

TIMES PAST

The following is continued from a piece which ran in the Dec. 26 issue of the Citizen Voice & Times. It is part of Chapter 3 of Hallie Johnstone's book History of Estill County.

To reach Fitchburg, take Highway 52 east from Irvine, drive nine miles to Highway 975, turn left and proceed three miles to the furnace and Aldersgate Camp.

On August 7, 1967, Historical Marker 1054 was placed at the junction of highways 52 and 975 by the Kentucky Highway Marker Program under the direction of Mr. W.A. Wentworth, State Chairman, Mrs. J.J. Johnstone, County Chairman, and Mr. William Russell, District Engineer. It is good to know that the three furnaces, which were once important factors in the economy of our country, are now recognized after having been buried and forgotten in our forests for more than a century.

L & N RAILROAD

This is a brief summary of railroads which connected Estill County with the outside world. The first railroad to operate in Estill County was affectionately called "The Old Riney B," a corruption of the line's initials RNI&B, which represented "Richmond, Nicholasville, Irvine & Beattyville Railroad Company."

Construction of the line into Irvine was completed on September 29, 1890. The first revenue train that came into Irvine over the new completed bridge brought the John Robinson Circus to Irvine. Mr. Robinson spread his tents and opened his show on the old Estill Springs property near the home of the writer.

The first passenger station in Irvine was located at the end of the old railroad bridge that formerly spanned the Kentucky River, a short distance from Carhartt Overall Factory. After the completion of the line into Irvine, construction was started on the 33 mile extension to Beattyville. After constructing some trackage and a few trestles, the company soon ran into some financial difficulties and construction was abandoned because of lack of funds.

The RNI&B operated under receivership for several years. On August 19, 1899, it emerged from beneath the bar of receivership as the "Louisville & Atlantic Railroad Company." The line into Beattyville was completed November 1902. This connected the L&A line with the "Lexington & Eastern Railway" that operated between Lexington and Beattyville via Winchester, Clay City, Slade, Natural Bridge, etc.

The L&A maintained extensive picnic grounds at Natural Bridge and that spot was a focal point for excursion trains from Richmond for several years.

In 1909, the L&N Railroad Company acquired the L&A Railroad and in 1910 purchased the stock of the L&E Railroad. They immediately proceeded with plans for constructing a railroad to reach the rich coal fields of Eastern Kentucky. The merger of these two lines, the L&A and L&E, was the beginning of the Eastern Kentucky Division of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, and on October 1, 1915, division headquarters were transferred from Jackson

(headquarters for the L&E) and Richmond (headquarters for L&A) to Ravenna.

After the L&N acquired the L&A, a track was extended to Frankfort in July, 1915, thereby linking Estill County by rail with our Kentucky State Capitol. The line between Irvine and Winchester was completed in May, 1916.

No. 22 made its last run September 30, 1932 with the late "Hoggie" John Coffielder at the throttle. Other crew members were conductor Tom Murphy, Fireman Fred Newman, Brakeman Clyde Lockett and flagman C.K. Holiday, all residents of Estill County.

After abandonment of the line from Irvine to Frankfort, trackage was removed with the exception of that serving Mobray & Robinson Lumber Company's Sawmill at West Irvine, which was not removed until 1941.

The bridge over the Kentucky River remained as a monument to Estill County's first railroad until November 17, 1974 when it was dynamited and salvaged by the 387th Battalion from Fort Knox, Kentucky, adding some 186 tons of scrap metal to Uncle Sam's scrap pile for use during World War II.

Time was when one could board a passenger train in early morning in Ravenna or Irvine, spend the day shopping or visiting in Lexington and return home before bedtime. Those days are gone forever. Improved roads in Eastern Kentucky brought about a drastic change in passenger revenue.

June 15, 1956 was a red-letter day for the community of Irvine and Ravenna. It was on that day that train No. 4 made its last trip through Estill County, leaving only freight service.

J.J. Johnstone was station agent for Irvine and Ravenna, Henry W. Webb, assistant agent, Morford Cord and Harry Moore, clerks. This last run was made in charge of Conductor Pleas H. Barnett, George Laughlin, flagman, R.D. Eblen, baggage-man, Raymond Williams, porter, with Engineer J.P. Palmer at the controls assisted by Fireman Ruby Mefford.

A large crowd of "railway fans" gathered at Ravenna to bid farewell to the "Iron Horse" that had served so well through the happy years.

Tons of coal from the Eastern Kentucky coal fields still pass through Estill County daily to industrial centers all over the nation. Another milestone was reached on March 12, 1958, when the first radio-equipped train rolled into Estill County with 202 cars of "black diamonds" from the mines of Eastern Kentucky. This historic run was in charge of Engineer J.C. Mundy and Conductor Leonard Benton.

In addition to the major railroad described, Estill County also boasted of the Kentucky-Northern Railway Company that served the lumber industry exclusively. This railroad joined the L&A in the vicinity of Pryse and its standard gauge tracks penetrated the forests for another ten or so miles in the direction of Wolfe and Powell counties. The line was constructed in 1901 and used over a period of ten years. Timber brought over the Kentucky-Northern was purchased by the Roy Lumber Company of Nicholasville, Kentucky.

INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE

The total area of Estill County is 166,400 acres; 121,000 acres are forests, and 77.2 per cent of the remainder is farm land. While manufacturing has developed rapidly in other counties, agriculture is the most important industry in Estill County. The cash farm income in 1972 was \$1,800,000.

The county has a sound agricultural program under the direction of Mr. Clarence C. Bayes, the County Agent. The development of the agricultural program has added materially to the social and economical progress of our community. This has brought about a vast improvement in the soil and farming methods during the past few years.

The Estill County Fair Association, the largest organization in the county, is a non profit corporation - all work is voluntary. It has been able to promote better economic and living conditions through the demonstration and exhibition of local products. Each succeeding year has shown improvement. The fair grounds, consisting of 15 acres, have been improved and new well-equipped buildings with adequate space have been erected at the cost of \$125,000.

Since July, 1947, farmers of Estill County have benefited by Soil Conservation District, which has stimulated interest in conservation practices. The most important of these deals with drainage, pastures, meadows, wildlife, and water disposal development.

In keeping with the farm program, the 4-H for training the youth has given farm girls and boys clean recreation, good habits in utilizing their time, and an incentive to remain on the farm. This program has seven hundred boys and girls enrolled.

The farm agent, soil conservation service, and the farm leaders should be commended for the fine work they have done in the past, and should have the cooperation of the people in carrying out their future plans.

The industrial development of the county has not kept pace with agricultural improvements. Thirty-two percent of the laboring class are employed in Clark, Madison, Lee, Powell, Montgomery and Fayette Counties. These population centers are within 25 to 50 miles of Irvine and Ravenna, which makes commuting feasible from any point in the area.

The existing firms which provide employment in Irvine-Ravenna are Carhartt Incorporated, with a roll of 468, South East Coal Washing Plant, Estill Sand Corporation, Tipton Ridge Quarry, Estill Pallet Company and Estill Dairy.

A considerable number of men are employed by the L&N Railroad Company, most of whom live in the two communities. The railroad has the largest payroll in this area. Irvine-Ravenna are in need of more industry. There are four industrial sites available. The various oil fields in the county also afford employment for a number of men.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Community improvements during the past few years include a \$354,000 hospital, \$67,000 Health Center, \$75,000 Medical Clinic, \$1,500,000 rural telephone system,

\$1,500,000 water plant and sewer system, WIRV Radio Station, a multi-million dollar coal washing plant operated by South East Coal Company and the \$400,000 Water District 1 system serving six hundred families.

Recreation

Local facilities include the Estill County Country Club which was organized on December 2, 1927 with a 9-hole golf course, a modern clubhouse, and a beautiful scenic background; the Kiwanis Park with wading pool, slides, swings, tennis court, and picnic area; a lightened Little League Park; Kentucky River for boating and fishing, the Irvine Theater, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Russell McClanahan, and a drive-in theater.

LIBRARY

Library service is provided by Estill County Library, which has 15,000 volumes and an annual circulation of more than 100,000. In April of 1973, the State of Kentucky presented Estill County with a \$15,000 Bookmobile which serves all rural communities and many of the shut-ins in Irvine-Ravenna. People of Estill County have always been literally inclined and people of culture.

When Irvine was only a small village the local drugstore provided a Circulating Library, where for a nominal fee and a few pennies per volume one could enjoy good literature.

The first local public library was established in 1940, when the state furnished books and promoted the Pack Horse Library. Many books were donated by individuals. The library was located in the basement of the county courthouse.

For several years Miss Sue Black was librarian. Following her, Mrs. Cecil Noland, Miss Mayme Snowden, treasurer, and a number of loyal board members worked tirelessly several years to establish the library on a sound basis.

Four years ago the library was established on a state demonstration program. It has been moved to more adequate quarters, centrally located and available to all. The demonstration proved a success. The library is now self-supporting although it still receives state aid. Mrs. Ruth Cox is the present librarian.

"Book love, my friends, is your pass to the greatest, the purest, and the most perfect pleasure that God has prepared for his creatures. It lasts when all other pleasures fade. It will support you when all other recreations are gone. It will last you until your death. It will make your hours pleasant to you as long as you live," are wise words of Anthony Trollope.

The author feels that she should "put in a plug" for the library. When I am reading a book, whether wise or silly, the characters seem to come alive. From childhood I have enjoyed reading. When I am attacked by gloomy thoughts, nothing helps me as much as a good book. It quickly absorbs me and the clouds are banished from my mind.

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OBITUARIES

Phyllis Faye Hoover Edwards, 58

Phyllis Faye Hoover Edwards, 58, a resident of the Bluegrass Care and Rehabilitation Center in Lexington, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013, at the Center following a short illness. She was born Oct. 16, 1955, in Clark County and was the daughter of the late Leonard and Nancy Elizabeth Taylor Hoover. She attended the Baptist Church and had lived in Fayette County most of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Edwards; a sister, Jennie Martin; and two brothers, Russell and Wayne Hoover.

Survivors include three sisters, Ann Brown of Richmond, Ruby Howard of Carlisle and Barbara Barber of Lexington; three brothers, Bobby Hoover of Georgetown, Tommy Hoover of Garrard County and Joe Hoover of Arkansas; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, Dec. 23, 2013, at the Hoover Cemetery. Warran F. Toler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ralph E. Morgan, 92

Ralph E. Morgan, 92, widower of Jean Marie Adams Morgan, died Dec. 17, 2013, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was a native of Estill County, a son of the late John and Ethel Woodford Morgan. He was retired from IBM, operated Morgan's restaurant for 10 years, was a used car salesman for Rob Robinson and Mich Tate. He was a member of American Legion Post 79, VFW Post 8019 and a Shriner. He was a US Army veteran, serving in WWII. He also attended Irvine Christian Church. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Debbie Morgan; a grandson, Marvin Edgar Stephen Morgan; a brother Paul Morgan; a nephew, John Russell Morgan; and a sister, Dorothy Gold.

Survivors include a son, Larry S. Morgan; a grandson, Craig Stephen Morgan; a great-grandson, Dakota Stephen Morgan; and a great-granddaughter, Lydia Kaye Morgan; a special cousin, Joyce Land; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013, at Irvine First Christian Church with Bro. Greg Humbert and Skip Johnson officiating.



Joyce Davon West Rogers, 57

Joyce Davon West Rogers, 57, 129 11th Street, Clay City, wife of Ronald "Ozzie" Rogers, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at her home after a battle with cancer. She was born June 15, 1956, in Irvine to the late Verlin Elihue West and Earline Powell West, Irvine. She was preceded in death by her father, Verlin Elihue West and a brother, Harvey "Butch" West.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald "Ozzie" Rogers of Clay City; three sons, Lynn West and wife Stephanie of Irvine, O J Rogers and wife Sarah of Stanton and Kevin Joe Rogers and wife Samantha of Irvine; her mother, Earline Powell West of Irvine; a brother, Gary Powell and wife, Elaine of Irvine; her grandchildren that she loved and adored, Whitney Rogers, Neesa West, Emma Rogers, Aaliyah Rogers, Hannah Crabtree, Emily Lawson, Blake Warner, Dustin Warner, and Carl Warner; a niece, Crystal Riddell and husband Brian of Irvine; a nephew, JR Powell of Irvine; and two great-nieces, Savannah Riddell and Debreona Powell, both of Irvine.

Services were conducted Monday, Dec. 23, 2013, at Davis & Davis Funeral Home, Stanton, with Rev. Anthony Molihan officiating. Burial was at Patrick Cemetery, Irvine. Pallbearers were Mark Brandenburg, Jacob Brandenburg, Earl Powell, John Powell, Jarred Baker, Jordan Baker, and Brian Riddell. Honorary pallbearers were Stephanie West, Samanthan Rogers, Crystal Riddell, Sarah Crabtree, Jodie Brandenburg and Beth Rogers.

Pattie M. Freeman, 74

Pattie M. Freeman, 74, of New Fox Road, Irvine, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013, at the Irvine Health and Rehab Center. She was a native of Estill County, a daughter of the late Virgin and Bertha Singleton Freeman. She was preceded in death by her sons, Vernon Freeman and Michael Lynn Freeman; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Joanne Freeman; and a sister, Carlie Baker.

Survivors include two sons, Tim Freeman and Dewey Freeman; a brother, Bud and wife, Rhonda Freeman; two sisters, Darlene Estes and Corina Steinmetz and husband, Clarence; two granddaughters, Kelli and Laura Freeman; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were conducted Monday, Dec. 30, 2013, with Bro. Dale Payne officiating. Burial was at the Freeman-Rose Cemetery. Pallbearers were Timothy Tuttle, Donald, Gary, Phillip, Larry and Jeffery Freeman.

Danny Cox, 61

Danny Cox, 61, husband of Patricia Moores Cox, died Thursday at the UK Medical Center. He was a native of Jackson County, a son of Geneva Webb Cox and the late Druie Cox. He was a woodworker and owner of Custom Woodwork. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Terry Richardson; and a brother, Berlin Cox.

Survivors, other than his wife, Patricia, include four children, Jan Brandenburg, Danny Cox, Donna Fish and Jason and wife, Rachel Cox; eight grandchildren, Justin Richardson, Travis Richardson, Patrick Webb, Jake Brandenburg, Lennon Fish, Cody Brandenburg, Morgan Cox and Elliot Cox; a great-grandchild, River Richardson; a brother, Merdy Cox; and two sisters, Myrtle Hartsock and Carolyn Craft.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013, at 6 p.m., at Lewis Funeral Home with David Alexander officiating.

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Your Will: The Overlooked Bucket-list Item

Financial Expert Explains the Vital Importance of this Document

Of the trendy terms to come around in the past decade, "bucket list" remains among the most useful, says retirement planning expert Jeff Gorton.

"As a neologism, I hope it endures because it reminds us of how precious our time is - and that it's important to plan wisely," says Gorton, a veteran Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner™, and head of Gorton Financial Group (www.gortonfinancialgroup.com).

"Unfortunately, after some have listed their items and even checked a few things off, they forget about one important item that really counts after they've 'kicked the bucket' - their will."

Only about 40 percent of adults in America have a will, which is probably due to people not wanting to be reminded of their own mortality and that life will go on without them, he says.

"But what's the alternative? If you die without one, the state decides what becomes of your property, without regard to your priorities," says Gorton, who also advocates his clients make use of a written income plan (WIP), a living document that helps organize financial priorities. "Why not enjoy the fact that a will is an instrument of power? You get to decide who gets what."

Since so many adults don't have a will, many don't understand how they work. Gorton breaks down wills into four basic parts:

•Executors — Most wills begin by naming an executor, the person responsible for carrying out the wishes outlined in the will. Duties include assessing the value of the estate, gathering the assets, paying inheritance tax and other debts if necessary, and distributing assets among beneficiaries. It is

recommended that you name at least two executors in case your first choice is unable to fulfill the obligation.

•Guardians — A will allows you to designate a guardian for your minor children. Whomever you appoint, you will want to make sure beforehand that the individual is able and willing to assume the responsibility. For many people, this is the most important part of a will since, if you die without naming a guardian, the court will decide who takes care of your children.

•Gifts — This section enables you to identify people or organizations to whom you wish to give gifts of money or specific possessions, such as family heirlooms or a car. You can also specify conditional gifts, such as a sum of money to a young daughter, but only when she reaches a certain age.

•Estate — Your estate encompasses everything you own, including real property, financial investments, cash and personal possessions. Once you have identified specific gifts you would like to distribute, you can apportion the rest of your estate in equal shares among your heirs, or you can split it into percentages. For example, you may decide to give 45 percent each to two children and the remaining 10 percent to a sibling.

"You're not legally required to have a professional write a will for you, but I highly recommend you get certified help because these documents are often contested by people who are unhappy with the decisions you made," he says. "After working a lifetime for your

assets, you deserve to have them go where you want after you're gone, and your family will be grateful to you for not leaving them with the headache of trying to sort out your estate."

About Jeff Gorton, CPA, CFP®

Jeff Gorton is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Financial Planner™ specializing in individual tax and retirement planning. He is also an Investment Advisor Representative under Alphastar Capital Management, an SEC Registered Investment Advisor, and has a life and health insurance license.

Gorton works with individuals and their families to create and protect their financial legacies. He specializes in working with retirees in the areas of tax planning, benefits, retirement planning, estate planning and safe money techniques. He received his BBA in Accounting from the University of Oklahoma.

Gorton previously worked for 10 years as the Chief Financial Officer for a large retail organization, overseeing their accounting, benefits and 401(k) retirement plans.

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Pastor Spotlight



Since Easter of 2010, Greg Humpert has been leading the flock of the First Christian Church of Irvine (Disciples of Christ) on Main Street.

He is married to Sherri, whom he calls “the love of my life and the wind beneath my wings.”

Sherri is a native of Mercer County and works as an RN at Cardinal Hill. She serves as a pianist and a vocalist in the church.

The first time the Humperts came to assist at First Christian, they had a feeling they were in the right place.

“When we came here in Nov. 09 just to fill in, we knew where God wanted us to be,” said Greg.

Greg and Sherri have four children: Joshua, Amanda, Brittany, and Halie, and they have eight grandchildren, seven of whom are grandsons. Their only granddaughter was born to their only son.

All of their children live in either Mercer or Boyle Counties.

A minister for 29 years, Greg says his spiritual birthday was Dec. 18, 1976. He was born in Cincinnati and grew up a Catholic. His family moved around a lot, and he graduated from Kaywood High in Harlan County in 1976.

When God eventually called him into ministry, Greg attended Clearcreek Bible College in Pineville and Southern Seminary. He has also taken classes from

Andersonville Seminary in Georgia.

Greg says his church seeks to be “Jesus to the community.”

“My joy is ministering, helping, blessing people,” he



said. “I become all things to all people that I might win some.”

He says he believes that the differences we can make in this world can make all the difference in the next one.

One of the biggest chal-

lenges about his job, he says, is not having enough time to do all the things that need to be done.

Greg is an avid golfer, and he and his wife Sherri like to ride around on their Harley

Davidson motorcycle.

Irvine First Christian Church is at 270 Main Street, and Pastor Humpert welcomes everyone to attend. He can be reached at 606-723-2924.

Transportation Cabinet awards eight contracts for 11 highway projects in six District 10 counties

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet recently awarded eight contracts totaling nearly \$10 million for 11 highway projects within the Department of Highways District 10.

Contracts awarded as part of November and December 2013 lettings are:

- An \$895,095.49 contract for replacement of a bridge over the Middle Fork of the Red River on KY 11 in Powell County. The project is to be completed within 41 working days after construction begins.

- A \$2,535,118.11 contract for replacement of a bridge over the North Fork of the Kentucky River on KY 451 in Perry County. The project is to be completed within 220 working days after construction begins.

- A \$541,924.72 contract for bridge deck restoration and waterproofing of bridges located on KY 52 in Breathitt County, KY 1090 in Magoffin County, the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway in Morgan County and KY 1387 in Perry County. The project is to be completed by Nov. 15. Work on each bridge is to be completed within 30 days after construction begins.

- A \$158,605 contract for replacement of a bridge over Frames Branch on KY 1057 in Powell County. The project is

to be completed by May 15.

- A \$34,455.25 contract for guardrail installation on KY 267 in Perry County. The project is to be completed by June 30.

- A \$199,864.40 contract for bridge superstructure rehabilitation on KY 1000 in Morgan County. The project is to be completed by July 31.

- A \$4,388,742.76 contract for reconstruction of 1.88 miles of KY 172 in Morgan County. The project is to be completed within 220 working days after construction begins.

- A \$1,454,108.87 contract for sight distance improvements at two locations on KY 89 in Estill County. The project is to be completed by Aug. 1.

The Department of Highways District 10 consists of 10 counties - Breathitt, Estill, Lee, Magoffin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell and Wolfe - in east-central and southeastern Kentucky. The district office is located in Jackson.

Construction activities are scheduled on a tentative basis and are subject to change depending on weather conditions. Motorists are asked to drive with caution in work zones and be aware of workers, traffic control devices and construction equipment when traveling in areas where

projects are ongoing.

Significant traffic impacts resulting from construction and maintenance projects are posted on District 10's website (<http://transportation.ky.gov/District-10>), the district's Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict10>) and also on the district's Twitter feed (<http://www.twitter.com/KYTCDistrict10>). Drivers can check these sites prior to traveling to determine if there will be traffic delays for which they should be prepared.

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The Estill County Cooperative Extension Service will be ordering apple and pear rootstocks this month. If you want to propagate a favorite apple or pear, grafting is one of the easiest ways to preserve that cultivar. To graft, you will need scion wood (terminal

branch segments from last year's growth collected at the end of February) and rootstock. If you do not know how to graft, come by the office for assistance. We typically order Malling7 (55 percent of standard size) and/or MM.111 (80 percent of standard) semi-dwarf apple rootstock and a pear rootstock. Please submit and pre-pay your order by Jan. 24. The rootstocks usually arrive by the first week of March.

In addition, we are taking orders for strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, asparagus, and Candy onion slips through March 21. Call our office for pricing and details. Orders must be prepaid with delivery in early April. If you are interested, call 723.4557.

Grain Meeting

Clark, Bourbon, Estill and Madison County Extension will have a joint grain production meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 6 p.m., at the Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive, Winchester. all grain producers are encouraged to attend. Guest speakers include UK Extension grains specialist Chad Lee and weed specialist J.D. Green. They will discuss corn and soybean production including weed control, plant populations, and other timely topics. A sponsored meal will be provided. In order to prepare for the meal, please call 723-4557 to pre-register no later than Jan. 10.

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New Postage Rate Increase Jan. 26 will be Three Times Inflation

The Postal Regulatory Commission handed everyone who uses the mail a lump of coal on Christmas Eve: approval of the U.S. Postal Service's proposal to raise postage rates by more than triple today's inflation.

The new rates will likely go into effect Jan. 26 if USPS elects to accept the PRC's decision.

The PRC did disagree, however, with the Postal Service's justification for a proposed “exigency” rate increase that it lost more than 53 billion pieces of mail because of the Great Recession. Rather the PRC continues to blame Internet diversion as the principal reason for Postal Service losses. The PRC only credits the recession with less than half the USPS financial loss — but granted the increase anyway — noting USPS needs the money.

National Newspaper Association President Robert M. Williams Jr., publisher of the Blackshear (GA) Times, said NNA respectfully disagrees with the Postal Service's request as well as the commission's decision. He insists a lack of action by Congress to enact postal reform is at the root of the problem.

“We are whistling in the dark,” said Williams. “We cannot avoid the fact the Postal Service is operating in a new world. We all are. The longer the Postal Service and lawmakers avoid reducing core costs for the delivery network, the more pain will be inflicted upon all who use the mail. Fewer and fewer customers will be paying more and more. This approved postage increase solves nothing.”

The Postal Rate Commission said it expects USPS to wean itself of the increase over time. Although

USPS said it expects the effects of the recession to go on for an unforeseeable period, the commission declined to allow the additional \$1.8 billion it expects USPS to receive in contributions to overhead to go on forever. The ruling requires USPS to provide a plan by May for eliminating the extraordinary increase over a two-year time period.

Unless USPS can achieve serious reductions in operating costs without critically diminishing services, Williams is not optimistic this can happen.

“This latest action by the PRC only makes the Postal Service's survival challenge tougher and scarier. This decision opens the door to perpetual steep postage increases for American businesses, including ours, which strives to fill a deep desire by readers to receive a hard copy newspaper, even if they also read online.”

NNA Postal Committee Chair Max Heath said he is also disappointed the exigency rate increase is granted. Heath notes that although USPS certainly has been


impacted by the recession, so has its customers and raising postage rates now is ill-advised.

“We calculated increases up to 7 percent for some of our critical newspaper mail categories. To the extent that USPS suffered from the recession, so did our business,” said Heath. “It is too bad the law doesn't allow for an “exigent decrease” in postage so we, who must respond to market realities, could be made whole as well.”

Williams said NNA will renew its efforts to seek prudent postal reform legislation during the annual Newspapers Leadership Summit March 13, when publishers visit Capitol Hill to urge action.

The National Newspaper Association is a 2,200 member organization of community newspapers. Founded in 1885, it represents newspapers in every state and encompasses weeklies and small daily newspapers providing local news and information to their communities. More about NNA: www.nnaweb.org.

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ECMS Boy's Basketball finish up strong going into Christmas break

The Patriots finished up their pre-Christmas schedule this week with a bang, with both the 6th and 8th grade teams going unbeaten in all three games played last week, which included wins over conference foes Madison Middle and Farristown (Berea), they also concluded the week on Friday night with wins over Morgan Co. The sixth grade, coached by Brian Covey and Seth Martin, go into Christmas break with a record of 16-3. "The sixth grade team is really hitting their stride right now with pressure defense being their strength," remarked Coach Bonny. Their conference record stands at 4-2.

The seventh grade team, coached by Mark Chaney, is continuing to work very hard and are consistently playing teams

tough; they head into Christmas break with a record of 5-14.

The eighth grade team, coached by Jim Bonny, John Robinson, Jeff Barnett, Don Brown and Shaun Chaney, go into Christmas with a record of 16-4, and a conference record of 5-1 with their only loss coming at the hands of Foley on the road by a score of 33-31. According to Coach Bonny, " This team is really working hard day in and day out; they are really playing great as a unit," Bonny would go on to say, " Our goal is simple, that is to win our conference tournament. We will settle for nothing less."

The Patriots will resume play Monday, January 6 as they travel to Morgan County.



Caleb Bonny, #22, gets set for a play.

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Logan Beckler, #20 and Will Burkhardt, #12, ECMS boy's basketball team.

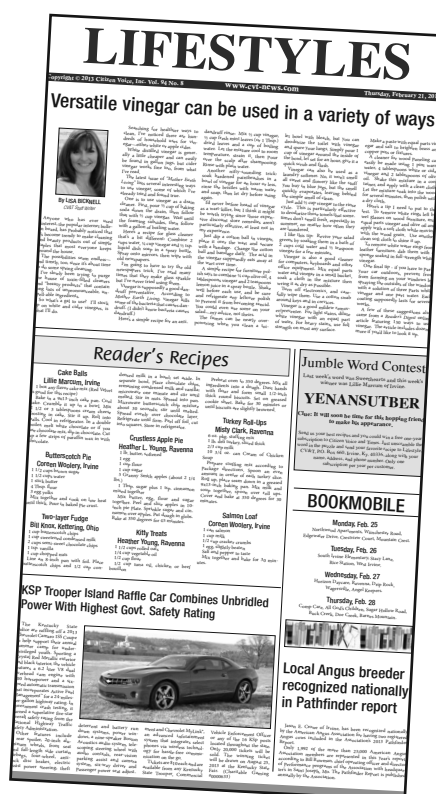
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Pictured above: Dylan Evans, #25 and Will Burkhardt, #12 of the Estill County Middle School Basketball team.

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After long and thoughtful consideration, I have decided to announce my candidacy for Mayor. I will admit that during these last few weeks I have questioned myself over and over about my desire and ability to lead the city. I have talked to a lot of people throughout the city and there seems to be a uniform response that we need to do something to revive the city. This is know a knock on Mayor Farmer and his administration as he has decided to step down, but rather an attempt to bring fresh and new ideas to the table.

My name is James Eric Walters. I was born and raised right here in Estill County, but left the area in 1967 after graduation from Estill County High to seek gainful employment elsewhere. After working for General Motors for 32 years, I retired and then sold real estate for five years. While along the way forming and operating my own plumbing company with a friend. I feel that my life and job experiences qualify me to do this job as Mayor.

I have decided to run as an Independent after being a life long registered Republican. I think and feel that both parties are grossly failing us, so I cannot buy into, no support, the philosophy or platform of either.

I can work with anyone and reach a consensus on things that will be good and fair for all citizens of our city and I promise a bold and fresh approach to successfully reviving downtown streets with new and innovative ideas for shopping, eating and entertainment. I feel we have a city with a lot of history and potential and we need fresh and innovative new ideas to bring people downtown and to share these experiences with us.

Paid for by James E. Walters

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ESTILL COUNTY SPEAKS...

FROM SAND HILL

HOW A YANKEE FOUND HIS WAY TO WITT SPRINGS



By Jerry Eltzroth
CV&T Guest Columnist

Since I was born and reared in Dayton, Ohio--plus having a name like Eltzroth--most people who do not know me figure I must be a Yankee. Actually I am only half-Yankee. My mother, Myrtle (Dickerson) Eltzroth lived right here in Witt Springs during her formative years. During World War II she went to Dayton, Ohio to find work while still a teenager. There she met my father, Walter Eltzroth, and they were married. I was the second of their four children.

Native Ohio people always looked down on people from Kentucky and made them the butt of jokes. My brothers and I were guilty of telling 'briar jokes'. If my mother would hear us repeating those degrading jokes she always reminded us that we were half-briar. Thus, I suppose I am half-briar and half-Yankee.

As a child I visited my grandparents' home on Sand Hill Road and roamed the Smither's farm next door, which was owned by Gus Smithers. I could write a book about him. Bill and Ruby (Smithers) Dickerson were my grandparents. Ed and Eliza (Floyd) Smithers were my maternal great-grandparents. I never knew them, because great-Grandpa Ed passed away in the 1930's and great-Grandma Eliza passed away in 1948. They bought the farm in 1904 and raised 12 children on the 100 acres. Gus was one of the 12 children, as was my Grandma Ruby.

As children, my older brother (Ben), my cousin Larry Smithers and I would tag along after great Uncle Gus all over his farm. I happened to be born in Dayton, but my heart has always been here in Witt Springs on this farm. In fact, I can distinctly remember telling my grandparents, "I'm going to live here some day." I am certain they thought I was suffering from the exuberance of youth. In fact, I also remember my Grandfather Dickerson looking at my 2 brothers, sister and I and asking, "Do you reckon' you kids will ever amount to anything?" Just a few years ago when my grandchildren from Ohio were visiting I nearly asked them the same

question. It must be a generational query.

Grandpa Dickerson had good reason to have doubts about a bunch of Ohio city kids. He had been raised the hard way on Cob Hill in the early 1900's. By the time he was 17 years old his father and mother had both passed away. He went to work on the L&N Railroad laying track to help support his brothers and sisters who were split up amongst family on Cob Hill. He worked for the L&N nearly 50 years. I made sure 'Bill Dickerson' was painted on the mural in Ravenna that honors the railroad workers.

Grandma Ruby (Smithers) Dickerson worked for Carhartts nearly 25 years after raising her 2 children, James (Jiggs) and Myrtle. She retired from Carhartt's after Grandpa passed away in 1966. Grandma Ruby spent 99% of her life living on or near the Smithers farm. Grandma and Grandpa Dickerson's house and lot were originally a part of the Smithers farm. Very few of the Dickerson or Smithers descendants still reside in Estill County.

Gus Smithers passed away in 1982. He was the last of the Smithers family to live on the farm. Since Gus had never married and had no children, the farm was inherited by his brothers and sisters. Some of his siblings had passed away so their children received a partial inheritance. The farm was advertised to be sold at a Master Commissioner sale in July 1983.

I was living in Greece in 1983 when my mother called to tell me that the farm was going to be sold. I had been working in Athens, Greece since 1980 for an American architectural/engineering firm. Upon learning of the upcoming sale of the Smithers farm I flew to the states to contact the executor of Gus's estate, Larry Smithers. I offered to buy the farm at a fair price. Larry agreed that my offer was fair, but there were 36 heirs involved and he would never get them to agree on my price. Thus, the farm had to be sold at a Master Commissioner's auction.

Since I could not return for the auction I made arrangements with a realtor in Richmond to act as my power of attorney and bid for me. It was purely a random act that I found George Jackson to act in my behalf. George helped me prepare all the legal documents and I put \$25,000 in the Union Bank for my down payment and expenses should I be the highest bidder. My mother had come to Irvine with me and I introduced George to her as well as my grandmother. While conversing with George I discovered he was a Vietnam Veteran also. He was a crew member on the B-52's that bombed enemy targets throughout North and South Vietnam.

A month later (July 1983), I received a call from George telling me I owned the farm and that the purchase price was within the limit I set. That was tremendous news and a dream come true for me. For all his work George only charged me \$200. I think I got the veteran discount. I will always be beholden to George

for his help. Unfortunately, I saw an obituary a few years ago that George had died. I believe he had been living in Alabama.

No one but my mother knew I was bidding on the farm. Everybody thought George was a developer. Mom

asked George who bought the farm. George told him, "some guy in Greece." Jennings supposedly said, "That's just what we need, another foreigner around here!" We lost Jennings this past summer. It was not only a terrible loss to his family but also the

lived here in the early 1900's. We lost a wealth of historical remembrances concerning Witt Springs when we lost him. I have many good neighbors like Jennings in close proximity. We look out for one another and help each other if the need arises.

help of a moving company and the payment of some bribes to Greek officials, I had everything on the way to Ireland. Once I arrived in Dublin, Ireland I began the process of getting the equipment moved into an office building on Merriion Square.

By April of 1984 I was living in Witt Springs where my heart had always yearned to be. That was the April when we had the flood that left the highest mark on the bridge support down by the restaurant.

Many people refer to this area as Sand Hill. Actually it is Witt Springs where my farm is located at the 3 mile marker on Sand Hill Road. I use the same reference many times because people have forgotten or never knew that this area was originally known as Witt Springs. I do not know if there is an exact boundary line for Witt Springs, but I always figured it encompassed an area about a mile in either direction on Sand Hill Road from my house. Until the Postal Service consolidated their operations in Irvine, I always addressed letters to my grandparents using Box 309, Witt Springs, KY. Before rural delivery began, everybody in this area picked up their mail at George Witt's store. I am really aging myself now.

In 1989 my life became even more fulfilling when I married Bonnie Kearns. I delivered her mail for 2 years in Madison County before ever setting eyes on her. Once I met her, it was love at first sight. Within 3 months, we were married. Next July, we will be married 25 years. Bonnie's family has ties to Estill County going back to the early 1800's through the McQueen family.

I recently found a picture of my younger brother, Mike, and a young unidentified girl standing beneath a box elder tree at the corner of the old Smithers house. It was taken in 1954 when Mike was 2 years old. Compare it to the picture of Bonnie and I on our wedding day, July 1, 1989. The people in the background are members of our family. We were married under the shade of that same box elder by Judge-Executive Ralph McClanahan.

This box elder tree and others were planted around the house after it was built in 1940's by my great Uncle Aaron Smithers. The tree of course has a special meaning to Bonnie and I. Reluctantly we keep amputating dead branches from the tree. It is getting old as we are. In the back of our minds we wonder if something happens to our wedding tree will something happen to us.

Bonnie and I have never done much farming of our land. Mostly what we raise now is grandkids, and we try to teach them about nature. One of my pet peeves: People who litter our beautiful countryside. We put forth a lot of effort to be good stewards of our land as Gus and the Smithers were before us. The farm has been in the same family for nearly 110 years now. Or course, people wonder how some Yankee came to own it!

Within two weeks, with the



Mike Eltzroth and Debbie Guillentine stand under the box elder tree in front of the Smither's home place in 1954. Mike was two years old at the time.



Bonnie and Jerry Eltzroth stand beneath the same tree on their wedding day, July 1, 1989. They call it their "wedding tree."

was at the sale. When the gavel fell in my favor George came over to my mother, put his arm on her shoulder with everybody looking at them and said, "We got it!" Mom told me she felt very proud.

My cousin, Jennings Adams,

whole Witt Springs, Lower Bend and Sand Hill community. Jennings was not only a tremendous help to me over the years, but also would stop whatever he was doing to help any of his neighbors. Jennings was a link to the folks that

Since my Uncle Jiggs had passed away in 1980, and now with my great Uncle Gus's passing, I felt it was time to come home and look after my Grandma Ruby. There was just one thing holding me back. The architectural/engineering company where I was employed in Greece needed to move. Papandreou (a socialist) had been selected as the head of the Greek government. He was making it difficult for foreign companies to do business in Greece.

One afternoon in the fall of 1983, the head man of our Athens office, Bradford Bigger Dallas (what a name), gave me the task of moving all the equipment which occupied 4 floors of the Athens Tower to Dublin, Ireland as quickly as possible. He drove out of the country that night towards the Balkans. The Greek officials could arrest him since his signature guaranteed our operation in Greece. Brad escaped from Cuba in a similar manner when Castro took over that country. At that time he flew out of Cuba in his private plane, never returned and lost all his family's business investments, but retained his life. Brad was as interesting as his name.

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The Estill County Appalachian Dulcimer Club will meet every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at First Christian Church on Main Street in Irvine. Anyone who already plays or wants to learn is welcome to attend.

Retirement Reception

A retirement reception for Janice Lake will be held at the Richmond USDA Service Center at 1024 Ival James Blvd. on Jan. 8, from 2-4 p.m. Mrs. Lake will be retiring after 26-1/2 years of dedicated service with the Farm Service Agency. Farmers and other customers are invited to come by and give Janice your good wishes and advice.

Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers - Early Stage

This program will help participants understand the common symptoms and behaviors seen in early stage Alzheimer's and how to address them. The program will be Thursday, Jan. 16, from 1-4 p.m., at the Madison County Cooperative Extension Office located at 230 Duncannon Lane, Richmond. To register, call 1-800-272-3900 or email infokv-in@alz.org.

Baseball Camp

Powell County High School is hosting a six-week baseball camp starting March 9. Powell County head coach Chris Varney will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to six players per coach. Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit www.USBasketballAcademy.com, or call toll-free 866-622-4487.

Winchester GTE/Sylvania/ Osram/UAW Retirees

Winchester GTE/Sylvania/Osram/UAW retirees will meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Union Hall in Winchester for a short business meeting. Members and guests will then travel to Mt. Sterling for lunch at Cattleman's Roadhouse.

Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society

The Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Estill County Public Library. The

speaker will be Jerry Rose. The 2014 calendar is now available at the museum on Saturdays. The Estill County Pictorial History, WW II Book, the School Book and the two volumes of the Cemetery Books are also still available.

Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference

The Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference will be Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 6-7, at Embassy Suites, Lexington, just off Exit 115 (Newtown Pike).

1st Annual Fish Fry

The first annual Fish Fry hosted by Irvine Masonic Lodge 137 will be Saturday, Jan. 4, from 6-8 p.m. at 221 Broadway, Irvine. The cost of the meal will be \$10 and will include fish and shrimp, fries, slaw and hushpuppies.

2014 Mountain Mushroom Festival

Food Court applications for the 2014 Mountain Mushroom Festival are now available at Irvine City Hall located at 101 Chestnut Street. Food vendors must carry vendor liability insurance. Application, fees and proof of liability insurance must be submitted by deadline date of Friday, Jan. 31, at 4 p.m. Mailed applications must be postmarked by the deadline date. No late entries will be accepted. For more information, call Kim Williams at 723-4235.

Irvine Masonic Lodge #137 F&AM

The Irvine Masonic Lodge #137 F & AM will have their annual supper on Jan. 4, at the Lodge building located at the corner of Lilly Avenue and Broadway in Irvine. The supper will be served at 6 p.m. Fried fish, shrimp, French fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, desert and drinks will be served. The public, all Masons, their families and friends are invited to attend. The cost of the supper will be \$10 and includes all you want to eat. Children 12 and under eat free.

Estill County Animal Shelter Benefit Concert

There will be a benefit Bluegrass concert Jan. 10, at 8 p.m., at the Estill County Fair Barn for the Estill County Animal Shelter. Featured will be The Moron Brothers and The Velvet Blue with a special performance by the Southern Pride Cloggers. There

will be concessions for sale and a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Estill County Animal Shelter. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at the door. All seating is general admission.

Estill County Senior Citizens Center

Due to program expansions, rising energy costs and the need to cut liability exposures, we will no longer be renting the Estill County Senior Citizens Center for private events beginning Jan. 1. We look forward to assisting our aging population with some of our expanded programs and are excited to be offering evening and weekend activities. Be sure to watch this local paper for more details in the near future. For questions, contact the Senior Citizens Center at 606-723-4787 or the office of Estill County Judge Executive Wallace Taylor at 606-723-7524.

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

A Veterans benefits field representative will be at the National Guard Armory located at 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on the first Thursday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for federal and state veterans' benefits. This service is free. For further information, call toll free within Kentucky 1-866-376-0308 to speak with a representative.

Congressional Staffer

Meet Estill County's Congressional Staffer on the third Monday of every month from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Estill County courthouse. These meetings are open to the public. Receive assistance regarding Social Security issues, veteran benefits, immigration and passports, discuss community concerns, congressional issues and more. All questions are welcome.

Twin City Kruzerz Car Club

Twin City Kruzerz Car Club will hold their monthly meeting on the first Monday of each month at Irvine City Hall at 7 p.m. If the meeting falls on a holiday it will be the following day. All members and anyone wishing to join the club are welcome. If you have any questions please call Loyd Flynn at 723-6776, or Kenneth Tipton at 723-7554.

CHURCH NEWS

Pastor Spotlight

The Citizen Voice & Times would like to begin a series spotlighting our local pastors on the church page. Call Lisa Bicknell at 723-5161 to nominate your pastor to be featured, or send a phone number or email address where he or she can be reached to lisa@hatfieldnewspapers.com.

Pine Hill Baptist Church

There will be a singing at Pine Hill Baptist Church Saturday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. Bring your singers and come on up. Everyone is welcome.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Body of Christ Ministries building located at 58 River Drive. For questions or more information, contact Susan Lynch at 606-643-5564.

Community Calendar and Church News announcements should include a brief description of the event along with the time, date and location. Please include a phone number for more information with the announcement. Announcements can be submitted by mail, email or phone. Deadline for announcements is Monday at 5 p.m.

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KNOB LICK BAPTIST CHURCH Knob Lick Rd., Fred Livingood, pastor; S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
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PINE HILL BAPTIST Star Route Bro. Dennis Williams, Min. S.S. 10 a.m., W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST S.S. 9:45 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. 7 p.m., Bill Meece pastor.
SALEM BAPTIST Spout Springs, 723-6683; Jerry Smith, Min.; S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
SOUTH IRVINE BAPTIST 1215 South Irvine Road, 723-8298; S.S. 10

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METHODIST
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IRVINE FREE METHODIST 113 Plum St. 606-531-0465; Rev. Chris Carlyle, Min.; S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. 6:30 p.m. Adult, Youth, Kids' Club.
IRVINE UNITED METHODIST 243 N. Main St. 723-3667; Rev. Don Hatton, Min.; 723-2634 S.S. 9:30 a.m.; W.S. 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.
WISEMANTOWN UNITED METHODIST 1358 Wisemantown Rd., 723-5694; Pastor Greg McClellan, S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Wed., 7 p.m.

NAZARENE
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ENCOURAGING WORD: A WAY TO FACE A NEW YEAR



Howard Coop
Guest Columnist

As old year has passed, one thing is sure: There was a mixture of experiences in it. There were problems. Some of them were difficult, but some of them were solved easily. Things did not work out the way some folk desired, and there was disappointment. On the other hand,

not everything was bad. During the year, many good things occurred. Some folk experienced numerous pleasant experiences, and for most of us, the old year was a pretty good year. Now, a new year has been given to us. At this point in time, we do not know what it holds. Horatio Nelson Powers called the unfolding year “a path unknown” that one has to explore day by day. One thing is sure: What is unknown now will become known as the days pass. In terms of an old expression, the beginning of the year is a time

to “turn over a new leaf.” This implies making a new start. To make a new start, one must forget what is behind, make a radical change, and move forward into the unknown future looking for, and expecting to find, something better. The path ahead may not always be easy; things seldom are. Neil Gaiman put it in perspective when he wrote: “I hope in the year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are doing new things, changing your world. You’re doing things you’ve never done before and more importantly, you’re

Doing Something.” Will the unfolding year be everything you want it to be? I doubt it. But achievement involves believing the best is possible and reaching for it. Robert Browning put it well when he said, “Ah, a man’s reach should exceed his grasp...or what’s a heaven for?” We may not know what is ahead, but there is a way to face a new year. We can believe, as Alfred Tennyson said, that “Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, ‘It will be happier.’”



COURTHOUSE NEWS

Property Transfers

- Melody Barnes, Marvin Rawlins, Jr. and Robert and Paula Rawlins to Terry L. Williams, \$25,000, 85'x200' lot on Henry White Road, Estill County.
- Don and Trudy Rohler to Kellie and Marvin Hunt, love and affection, tract of land lying on Crooked Creek, Estill County.
- Yvonne Draggoo to Franklin F. Draggoo, love and affection, land in Estill County.
- Jerry D. and Vydra M. Kirby to Matthew Dale Kirby, love and affection, land on Drowning Creek, Estill County.
- Jerry D. and Vydra Kirby to Matthew Dale Kirby, love and affection, Lot 22 of Deer Run Estates, Phase II, Estill County.
- Robert and Jan Ripley to Farson Properties, Inc., \$30,000, land in Irvine, Estill County.

Circuit Civil Court

- James Stephen Parson v. Kelle Rachel Parson, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
- Billy Shoemaker v. Tammy Shoemaker, petition for dissolution of marriage.
- Herbert Wolfinbarger v. Adair Wolfinbarger, Eric Wolfinbarger, Duff E. Wolfinbarger, Mia Newman and Brooks Stumbo, Public Administrator of the Estate of Edford Adair Wolfinbarger, complaint to sell jointly owned real estate.
- Onemain Financial Inc. v. Irene Boyd, \$6,681.86 plus interest and costs, claim debt owed.
- Michaela Marie Trent v. Matthew Jacob Trent, petition for dissolution of marriage.
- Gary Williams v. City of Irvine, trialby jury, a sum sufficient for the Plaintiff for mental and physical pain and suffering, past and future, for medical expenses, past and future, costs and any other relief to which he may be entitled.
- Midland Funding LLC v. Beulah Mays, \$5,341.67 plus costs, claim debt owed.
- Rebecca A. Floyd v. Jeremiah S. Floyd, petition for dissolution of marriage.
- Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, assignee of U.S. Bank National Association ND v. Eddie Tipton, \$4,286.48 plus interest and costs, claim debt owed.
- Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, v. Crystal A. Tipton, \$5,599.80 plus interest and costs, claim debt owed.
- Wayne F. Clark and Sharon G. Clark v. Renee Sue Clark and her unknown spouse, if any, complaint of foreclosure, \$2,674.47 plus interest and costs, claim debt owed.
- JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. v. Rosella Luedtke, et al., unknown spouse of Rosella Luedtke, \$151666.50 plus interest and costs, claim debt owed.

District Civil Court

- Midland Funding LLC v. Maggie Puckett, \$1,187.06 plus costs, claim debt owed.
- Heights Finance Berea v. Christopher Kirby, \$2,071.15 plus costs, claim debt owed.
- Midland Funding LLC v. Kim Grensavitch, \$693.72 plus costs, claim debt owed.
- MSW Capital, LLC v. Jeff Warner, \$679.78 plus interest and costs, claim debt owed.
- Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC v. Deborah Jenkiins, \$815.37 plus costs, claim debt owed.
- Midland Funding, LLC v. Tina Lay, \$777 plus interest and costs, claim debt owed.

District Court

- Douglas Gerald, theft by deception-including cold checks under \$500, dismissed without prejudice.
- Daniel Bowling, assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury, guiltly plea, 20 days to serve with credit for time served if any, show cause Dec. 10, 2014.

- Larry Clark, public intoxication from a controlled substance excluding alcohol, guilty plea, \$100 fine plus costs, show cause Oct. 11, 2014.
- Anthony S. Phillips, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, continued until Feb. 12.
- Donald L. Lewis Jr., operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, continued until Feb. 12.
- Phillip T. Jordan, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, continued until March 12.
- Clifford Ballard, probation violation for technical violation, continued until Jan. 8.
- Jessica D. Hoover, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, continued until Feb. 12.
- Jack R. Cockrell Jr., rear license not illuminated, no operators/moped license, failure to appear/department of transportation, warrant of arrest.
- Alisha F. Jones, leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance, continued until Jan. 8.
- Joseph D. Willis, speeding 10 mph over limit, guilty plea, \$20 fine plus costs, show cause June 11.
- Joseph D. Willis, failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine, license to be in possession, \$50 fine plus costs, guiltly plea to both counts, show cause June 11.
- Jonathan W. Ballard, one headlight, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, continued until Feb. 12.
- Paul Scott Doan, no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs, guilty plea, failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine, guilty plea, operating on a suspended or revoked oepators license, proof shown, show cause June 11.
- Rebecca Collett, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security second or greater, guilty plea per conditional discharge order, show cause June 11.
- Jonathon Ballard, no/expired registration plates, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, continued until Feb. 12.
- Tina Adkins Young, no operators/moped license, district court action slip.
- Joseph M. Coffey, speeding 15 mph over limit, guilty plea, \$30 fine plus costs, show cause June 11.
- Bekki Ann Hoover, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, no brake lights passenger vehicles, failure to appear/department of transportation, warrant of arrest.
- Morgan F. Abney, speeding 22 mph over limit, failure to appear/department of transportation.
- David Todd Harrison, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, first, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, continued until Jan. 8.
- Jessica Jarrell, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, etc. .08 first offense, no/expired registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first, continued until Jan. 8.
- Michael A. Thacker, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produceinsurance card, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, improper display of registraiton plates, failure to appear/department of transportation, warrant of arrest.
- Melissa D. Yarber, all other traffic offenses not listed, no/expired Kentucky registered receipt, failure to appear, warrant of arrest.
- Samanthan L. Elam, no/expired registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security second or greater, failure to appear/department of transportation, warrant of arrest.
- Kayleb Thompson, no tail lamps, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, failure to appear/department of transportation, warrant of arrest.
- Amanda J. Babcock, operating a motor vehicle

- under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, etc. .08 first offense, continued until Jan. 8.
- Melissa Jane Goodman, improper turning, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, etc. .08 first offense, pretrial conference Jan. 8.
- Jonathan F. Harrison, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, continued until Jan. 8.
- Nathanial Edmonson, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security second or greater, district court action slip.
- Jonathan Floyd Harrison, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, improper registration plate, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first, continued until Jan. 8.
- Shelvy C. Palfrey, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, etc. .08 first offense, guilty plea, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, first, merge, \$200 fine plus costs, show cause June 11.
- David S. Coffeey, careless driving, failure to wear seat belts, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, etc. .08 first offense, failure to produce insurance card, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, pre-trial conference Feb. 12.
- William E. Rogers, leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance, merge, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, first, guilty plea, 30 days credit for time served plus costs, show cause June 11.
- Jason Springborn, leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, first, continued until Jan. 8.
- Robert Andrew Harvey, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, etc. .08 first offense, district court action slip.
- James Rogers, no operators license, guilty plea, \$50 fine plus costs, disregarding stop sign, guilty plea, \$25 fine, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security first, County Attorney amends to no insurance, second, guilty plea per conditional discharge order, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, merge, obstructed vision and/or windshield, guilty plea, \$50 fine, failure to notify address change to the department of transportation, merge, possessing license when privileges are revoked or suspended, merge, show caust June 11.
- Dwight J. Campbell, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, district court action slip.
- Shane E. Eversole, operating on a suspended or revoked operators license, dismissed with proof.
- Joseph R. Colley, no operators/moped license, failure to appear/department of transportation, warrant of arrest.
- Christopher S. Riddell, assault fourth degree domestic violence minor injury, not guilty plea, pre-trial conference Jan. 8.
- Justin T. Clark, assault fourth degree minor injury, not guilty plea, pretrial conference Jan. 8.
- Vickie S. Campbell, criminal mischief-second degree, burglary, second degree, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, second degree, preliminary hearing March 12.
- Brian Keith Wolfinbarger, fraudulent use of credit card under \$10,000, theft by unlawful taking all others \$500 or more but under \$10,000, forgery, second degree, theft by unlawful taking or disp all others under \$500, case waived to grand jury.
- James L. Hammons, theft by unlawful taking allothers \$500 or more but less than \$10,000, case waived to grand jury.



Estill County Sheriff's Department

12-21 Jeremy Clayton Earl Jankowski, 21, of 2805 Jakes Heavenly Hwy., was arrested after Officer Randy Farthing observed Jankowski in the 82 Food Mart parking lot, noting that he had blood-shot eyes and slurred speech. When confronted, Jankowski admitted to smoking marijuana. He had a set of keys to a Toyota truck in his possession, and he admitted to being in possession of a truck

that he had watched his friend steal the day before in Powell County. Jankowski consented to a search of his vehicle, and had tools suspected to be used in burglaries in the trunk of his vehicle. He also had a face mask in his possession. Farthing stated in the uniform citation that Jankowski freely took him to the stolen truck, and the truck was turned over to Powell County officers. Jankowski was charged with public intoxication by a con-

trolled substance excluding alcohol, receiving stolen property under \$10,000 and possession of burglary tools. He was lodged in the Estill County jail, and his bond was set at \$10,000 cash. **12-23** Benjamin C. Benedict, 23, of 268 Stump Road, was arrested for theft by unlawful taking, or dispensation for more than \$500 but less than \$10,000, after Deputy Morris was dispatched to 258 Stump Road concerning a theft. Joyce

Benedict stated that her son had taken several items from her home without her permission and pawned them, including a Toshiba 55-inch TV valued at \$1800. The TV was pawned at Wades Pawn Shop in Richmond for \$250 on the same date, and the other items were pawned at Dan's Discount Jewelry in Richmond. Benedict was released on a \$5,000 surety bond on the condition that he go directly to rehabilitation.

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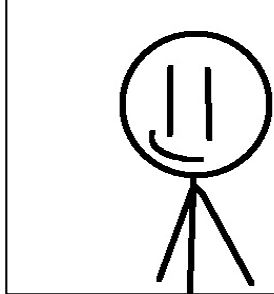
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